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Letter dated 1 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the letter addressed to you by the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, His Excellency Mr. Dobrica Cosić, on the occasion of assuming the post of the President (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 69 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address you at the time when I have assumed the exceptionally responsible office of President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia at this fateful moment for the peoples who have decided to continue living in their common State of Yugoslavia.

You are well aware of the roots and genesis of the Yugoslav crisis. In the process of the disintegration of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, an important European country and a founder of the United Nations, there have been many imprudent moves and mistakes, which have led to armed conflicts of the most tragic proportions and to the endangering of all the basic human rights and freedoms, including, above all, the right to life.

The vital interest of the peoples whose representatives have elected me and my main concern is to see peace fully restored as soon as possible and a just settlement achieved on the entire space of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and all outstanding problems between the States emerging from the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia resolved in a democratic manner, with the shortest possible delay. In that context, it is necessary most urgently to put an end to the tragic war in Bosnia and Herzegovina and embark on its peaceful resolution on the basis of agreement between the three ethnic communities living there. These are the expectations of the international community, and on our part we shall do everything in our power to persuade the parties to the conflict, including the Serbs in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to renounce all use of force and revanchism.

The basis of my efforts, both on the internal as well as on the international plane, are the democratic will of the people, commitment to the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris for a New Europe and all other United Nations documents and documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). I shall spare no effort for the implementation of common European values in Yugoslavia as an organic part of the overall CSCE space.

My principal objectives on the domestic level are: to establish a free market economy and to encourage entrepreneurial and private enterprise; to assert the rule of law and to establish a democratic society; to ensure full respect for human rights and freedoms and their effective and concrete protection throughout the territory of Yugoslavia; to promote further the pluralist democratic system by agreement of all political forces and parties in the country and by paying due attention to the opposition in all spheres of political life; to provide all the objective conditions for the freedom of thought, speech and information; to establish a political dialogue with representatives of the national minorities, with a view to ensuring the exercise of their rights in accordance with the highest international

principles and standards, and a democratic normalization of the situation in the autonomous province of Kosovo and Metohija.

As I set out in my inaugural address to the Federal Assembly of Yugoslavia, I shall urge that new elections be called for the entire administration within the most reasonable time-frame; that wise and resolute changes be effected which would mark a complete break with the previous order, with the aim of building up as soon as possible a modern and democratic State based on law; and that all national and social programmes be adjusted to the conditions prevailing in the present-day world and the civilization we are living in.

I shall invest all my efforts to implement these changes, because I am deeply convinced that they are in our vital and State interest.

At the foreign-policy level, it is my aim, besides all-round and peaceful cooperation with all the countries of the world community, for the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as a European and non-aligned country, to continue to extend support to the United Nations and actively to contribute to the strengthening of the role and efficiency of the world Organization, as well as to its reknown in the world.

In that connection, I would like to assure you that I will spare no effort to have the above-mentioned changes and objectives attained, as it is in the interest not only of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia but also necessary for resolving the overall Yugoslav crisis. In that context, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will conscientiously discharge all its obligations assumed at the international level, including those stemming from its membership in the United Nations and in international organizations. Accordingly, we consistently adhere to the decisions of the Security Council and shall exert every effort to implement all our obligations and create the best possible conditions for the full implementation of the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force in Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR).

The vital interest of the people of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is the most urgent cessation of the tragic war in Bosnia and Herzegovina and a peaceful settlement of all conflicts in that Republic by an international conference and on the basis of a consensus of the three constituent peoples living there.

We believe that it is essential that an international conference be convened as soon as possible to deal with the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the participation of yourself, Mr. Secretary-General, the permanent members of the Security Council, the Chairman of CSCE, the Chairman of the European Community, Lord Carrington, and the interested parties from Bosnia and Herzegovina. We are ready to participate in such a conference.

With a view to creating the necessary conditions and eliminating possible obstacles to the convening of this international conference, we reiterate that United Nations observers should be sent as soon as possible to the border

between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, with a view to establishing objectively the situation on the ground.

We also believe that it would be very important if you or your personal envoy and representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council visited the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as soon as possible so as to acquaint yourselves comprehensively, through direct contacts, will all the aspects of the crisis and with the possibilities for resolving it.

My principal concern is to see peace fully restored as soon as possible and a just settlement achieved on the entire space of the former Yugoslavia and all outstanding problems between the States emerging from the former Yugoslavia resolved by democratic means. We would be prepared to accept the extension of the mandate of the above-mentioned international conference to include these issues as well, if an agreement to that effect were to be reached among the other participants.

Finally, I wish in particular to stress that the citizens of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia expect that the fulfilment of the above-mentioned objectives and initiatives will contribute to the restoration of peace on the space of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the earliest possible lifting of the drastic international sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, which are unjustifiably and severely affecting all strata of our population, without contributing to a just settlement of the crisis in the least.

Confident that I shall meet with your understanding and support in this respect, I would like to assure you once again that, as the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, I will do everything in my power to strengthen cooperation with the United Nations, with a view to their even more efficient work, and to reiterate how highly we appreciate your responsible and constructive role.